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Cal Poly Wind Orchestra, Wind Ensemble to Perform Feb. 25

SAN LUIS OBISPO – Cal Poly professor and pianist W. Terrence Spiller will join 115 student musicians in the Cal Poly Wind Orchestra and Wind Ensemble in a concert titled “A Wealth of Winds” at 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 25, in Harman Hall in the Christopher Cohan Performing Arts Center.

Professor William Johnson, conductor of the Wind Ensemble, promises, “the enchanting evening will provide some of the most mesmerizing and exciting compositions of our time.”

The Wind Orchestra, conducted by music faculty member Keith Snell, will perform “Semper Liberi” by Robert W. Smith, “A Movement for Rosa” by Mark Camphouse, “Inventions from the Sacred Harp,” by James Curnow, and “El Camino Real” by Alfred Reed.

The Wind Ensemble’s repertoire will include “Children’s March” by Percy Grainger, “Jidai” by Stephen Melillo, “Radetzky March” by Johann Strauss, “The Stars and Stripes Forever” by John Philip Sousa, and “Rhapsody in Blue” by George Gershwin. Guest artist Spiller, professor and chair of the Music Department, will join the Wind Ensemble in Gershwin’s “Rhapsody in Blue.”

“The Cal Poly Wind Orchestra and Wind Ensemble are wonderful combinations of stunning virtuosity, masterful programming, and lighthearted fun,” conductor Johnson said.

Spiller has performed across the United States as soloist, recitalist, chamber musician, and accompanist. The Torrance Daily Breeze called his performance of Rachmaninoff’s Second Piano concerto with the Peninsula Symphony Orchestra “spirited, whimsical and intense . . . from flowing sensuality to pounding drama, soloist and orchestra matched wits in a vigorous joint effort.” The San Luis Obispo Tribune called him “inspired . . . a musical powerhouse.”

Spiller earned degrees in piano performance from the University of Washington, Indiana University, and the University of Southern California, where he was named the 1991 outstanding doctoral graduate.

Tickets to “A Wealth of Winds” are \$8 to \$18 and can be purchased at the Performing Arts Ticket Office 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday. To order by phone, call 756-2787 (SLO-ARTS). Tickets may also be purchased at the door.

A 10 percent discount is given to patrons who buy season tickets to four Music Department events through the Performing Arts Ticket office; a 15 percent discount is given to on tickets to five or more events.

The concert is sponsored by Cal Poly’s College of Liberal Arts, the Music Department and Instructionally Related Activities program. For more information, call the Music Department at 756-2406.

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